

Parenting | Titus 1:6
Sermon Discussion Questions
September 22, 2019

1. In today's sermon, Pastor Tom preached on parenting. Whether you are a parent or not, what stood out to you from today's sermon?
2. Tom mentioned that often parents tend to lean in one of two directions in their parenting style. They will either be strong disciplinarians with much structure, rules and regulations or they will be on the other end of the spectrum and have very minimal restrictions or boundaries. Would you say that you lean more toward a disciplined approach or more of an unstructured style of parenting? How would you say your parents raised you in regards to these two very different parenting techniques?
3. So often parents can feel that their child's salvation is 100% their responsibility. Ultimately however, every person's salvation rests in God's hands. God does call parents to be godly examples for their children and to assist in bringing a child to a knowledge of Him. Does knowing that this responsibility isn't completely ours bring about feelings of joy (knowing that it is in God's hands) or grief (wishing that you were in control)? What does it look like you be a godly example?
4. Tom provided a top ten list of ways to train up a child. They are:
 - i. Make sure your life is saturated with Jesus
 - ii. Pray
 - iii. Make the Bible the most important book
 - iv. Be an example of faith
 - v. Be Happy
 - vi. Discipline
 - vii. Be humble and willing to apologize
 - viii. Worship as a family
 - ix. Uphold Holiness
 - x. Love your children.

Which of these do you excel in and how can you encourage others in this area? Which of these are your biggest challenges and how can your faith community support you in this?

5. Spend some time brainstorming and praying about ways you can grow as a parent and/or as a child.